

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 990, Small Business Additional Temporary Extension Act, with an amendment.

The House passed H.R. 1540, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3367–S3469

Measures Introduced: Sixty-two bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1081–1142, S.J. Res. 17, and S. Res. 200–204. **Pages S3426–28**

Measures Reported:

S. 968, to prevent online threats to economic creativity and theft of intellectual property, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S3426**

Measures Passed:

Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act: Senate passed S. 1082, to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958. **Page S3372**

Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011: Senate passed H.R. 754, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2011 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System. **Page S3458**

Faster FOIA Act: Senate passed S. 627, to establish the Commission on Freedom of Information Act Processing Delays, after agreeing to the committee amendments. **Pages S3458–60**

Honoring the Memory of the Jewish Chaplains: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 4, expressing the sense of Congress that an appropriate site on Chaplains Hill in Arlington National Cemetery should be provided for a memorial marker to honor the memory of the Jewish chaplains who died while on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United

States, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S3460–61**

Klobuchar (for Murray) Amendment No. 388, to express the sense of Congress on the establishment of an advisory commission on memorials at Arlington National Cemetery and facilitate evaluation and approval of future monuments and memorials at the cemetery. **Pages S3460–61**

National Cancer Research Month: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 172, recognizing the importance of cancer research and the contributions made by scientists and clinicians across the United States who are dedicated to finding a cure for cancer, and designating May 2011, as "National Cancer Research Month", and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S3461**

National Foster Care Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 203, recognizing "National Foster Care Month" as an opportunity to raise awareness about the challenges of children in the foster care system, and encouraging Congress to implement policy to improve the lives of children in the foster care system. **Page S3462**

National Hunger Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 204, designating June 7, 2011, as "National Hunger Awareness Day". **Pages S3462–63**

House Messages:

Small Business Additional Temporary Extension Act: By yeas 233 to 193 (Vote No. 84), Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 990, to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business

Investment Act of 1958, with Reid Amendment No. 347, of a perfecting nature, after taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto:

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Withdrawn:

Paul Amendment No. 363 (to Reid Amendment No. 347), to clarify that the authority to obtain information under the USA PATRIOT Act and subsequent reauthorizations does not include authority to obtain certain firearm records. (By 85 yeas to 10 nays (Vote No. 82), Senate tabled the amendment.) (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to table the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 votes in opposition, the amendment be withdrawn).

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Paul Amendment No. 365 (to Reid Amendment No. 347), to limit suspicious activity reporting requirements to requests from law enforcement agencies. (By 91 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. 83), Senate tabled the amendment.) (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to table the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 votes in opposition, the amendment be withdrawn).

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Reid Amendment No. 348 (to Amendment No. 347), to change the enactment date.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 79 yeas to 18 nays (Vote No. 81), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the bill, with Reid Amendment No. 347, (listed above).

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Reid motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 349, to change the enactment date, fell when cloture was invoked on the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the bill, with Reid Amendment No. 347.

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Reid Amendment No. 350 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 349), of a perfecting nature, fell when the Reid motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 349 fell.

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Reid Amendment No. 351 (to Amendment No. 350), of a perfecting nature, fell when Reid Amendment No. 350 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 349) fell.

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Appointments:

National Commission for the Review of the Research and Development Programs of the United States Intelligence Community: The Chair, on be-

half of the Republican Leader, after consultation with the Chairman of the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate, and pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 107–306, as amended by Public Law 111–259, announced the appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the National Commission for the Review of the Research and Development Programs of the United States Intelligence Community:

John H. Young of Virginia.

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Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: The Chair, on behalf of the President of the Senate, and after consultation with the Republican Leader, pursuant to Public Law 106–286, appointed the following Members to serve on the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China:

Senator Collins, and

Senator Risch.

Authorizing Leadership to Make Appointments—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that from Friday, May 27, 2011 through Friday, June 3, 2011, the President of the Senate, the President Pro Tempore, and the Majority and Minority Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

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Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that from Thursday, May 26, 2011 through Friday, June 3, 2011, the Majority Leader, Senator Klobuchar and Senator Webb be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions.

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Pro-Forma Sessions—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that when the Senate adjourns on Friday, May 27, 2011, it stand adjourned until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 31, 2011, for a pro-forma session only with no business conducted; that when the Senate adjourns on Tuesday, May 31, 2011, it stand adjourned until 10:30 a.m., on Friday, June 3, 2011, for a pro forma session with no business conducted.

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Verrilli, Jr. Nomination—Agreement: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Donald B. Verrilli, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Solicitor General of the United States.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, May 26, 2011, a vote on

cloture will occur at approximately 5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 6, 2011. **Page S3458**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the nomination at 4:30 p.m., on Monday, June 6, 2011; that there be one hour for debate equally divided and in the usual form prior to the cloture vote.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Denise Ellen O'Donnell, of New York, to be Director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance.

Jo Ann Rooney, of Massachusetts, to be Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.

Allison A. Hickey, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Benefits of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Martha Wagner Weinberg, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2016.

Clyde E. Terry, of New Hampshire, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2013.

Cora B. Marrett, of Wisconsin, to be Deputy Director of the National Science Foundation.

Janice Lehrer-Stein, of California, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2013.

Paula Barker Duffy, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2016.

Cathy N. Davidson, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2016.

Constance M. Carroll, of California, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2016.

Albert J. Beveridge III, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2016.

Steve L. Muro, of California, to be Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Memorial Affairs.

George Albert Krol, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uzbekistan.

John A. Lancaster, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for the remainder of the term expiring September 19, 2011.

John A. Lancaster, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term of four years.

Judith A. Ansley, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for the remainder of the term expiring September 19, 2011.

Judith A. Ansley, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term of four years.

Michael E. Guest, of South Carolina, to be a Member of the National Security Education Board for a term of four years.

Ana Margarita Guzman, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Security Education Board for a term of four years.

Sim Farar, of California, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2012.

William J. Hybl, of Colorado, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2012.

Daniel L. Glaser, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Terrorist Financing, Department of the Treasury.

Christopher B. Howard, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Security Education Board for a term of four years.

Daniel Benjamin Shapiro, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to Israel.

Henry S. Ensher, of California, to be Ambassador to the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria.

Wanda Felton, of New York, to be First Vice President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2013.

Sean Robert Mulvaney, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2015.

Stuart E. Jones, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

37 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

5 Army nominations in the rank of general.

16 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

4 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Foreign Service, Marine Corps, Navy, and Public Health Service. **Pages S3463–65, S3466–69**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Leon E. Panetta, of California, to be Secretary of Defense.

Kathleen Kerrigan, of Massachusetts, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for the term of fifteen years.

Albert F. Lauber, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for the term of fifteen years.

Arnold F. Stancell, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2014.

Ronald David McCray, of Texas, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board for a term expiring September 25, 2012.

Ronald David McCray, of Texas, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board for a term expiring September 25, 2016.

David H. Petraeus, of New Hampshire, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Navy. **Page S3466**

Messages from the House: **Page S3425**

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today.
(Total—84) **Pages S3368, S3401**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:30 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, May 27, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3465.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AMERICAN AGRICULTURE AND THE NEXT FARM BILL

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the role, risks, and challenges for American agriculture and the next farm bill in meeting the demands of a growing world, after receiving testimony from Thomas J. Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture; Dan Glickman, The Chicago Council on Global Affairs' Global Agricultural Development Initiative, Washington, D.C.; Barry A. Mumby, Wakeshma Farms LLC, Colon, Michigan; Andrew A. Rosenberg, Conservation International, Alexandria, Virginia; Doug DeVries, Deere and Company, Moline, Illinois; and Per Pinstrup-Andersen, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.

APPROPRIATIONS: UNITED STATES CENTRAL COMMAND AND UNITED STATES AFRICA COMMAND

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense met in closed session to receive a briefing on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2012 for United States Central Command and United States Africa Command from James N. Mattis, USMC, Commander, U.S. Central Command, and Carter F. Ham, USA, Commander, U.S. Africa Command, both of the Department of Defense.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Timothy G. Massad, of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

HOUSING FINANCE SYSTEM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine public proposals for the future of the housing finance system, after receiving testimony from Terri Ludwig, Enterprise Community Partners, New York, New York; Ron Phipps, National Association of Realtors, Warwick, Rhode Island; Mark J. Parrell, National Multi Housing Council and the National Apartment Association, and Greg Heerde, Aon Benfield, both of Chicago, Illinois; Martin S. Hughes, Redwood Trust, Inc., San Rafael, California; and Barry Rutenberg, National Association of Home Builders, Gainesville, Florida.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 630, to promote marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy research and development, with amendments;

An original bill to provide for the conduct of an analysis of the impact of energy development and production on the water resources of the United States, and for other purposes;

An original bill to amend the Federal Power Act to protect the bulk-power system and electric infrastructure critical to the defense of the United States against cybersecurity and other threats and vulnerabilities;

S. 699, to authorize the Secretary of Energy to carry out a program to demonstrate the commercial application of integrated systems for long-term geological storage of carbon dioxide, with amendments; and